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LAND SACHSEN BUILDING PLANS FOR 1951 (6 pp; [REDACTED])

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This report consists of documents pertaining to the 1951 land reform construction program in Land Sachsen, as follows:

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1) [REDACTED] copy of a three-page typewritten letter, [REDACTED] from the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry for Land Sachsen, in Dresden, to the Secretariat of the Minister-President, in Dresden. The letter contains the following information on the status of the 1951 new settlers' construction program:

a) The main effort in Land Sachsen's construction program is directed toward the completion by 30 June 1951 of buildings carried over from 1949 and 1950 construction plans. Since the necessary funds were made available, the completion of these buildings by the specified date is guaranteed. As of 30 April 1951, the building projects carried over from 1949 were 88.8 percent completed, and those carried over from 1950 were 71.8 percent completed. The supply of materials necessary for completion of construction is also assured. However, there are difficulties in connection with the power and water supply for the construction projects, since funds have thus far not been made available.

b) Since the building plans for 1951 have not yet been concluded, the 1951 building program has not yet been started in the GDR. The major difficulty is lack of careful planning. Furthermore, there are differences between the cost estimates of the Council of Ministers and those of the Land Sachsen Ministry of Industry, Labor, and Building, the latter being considerably higher than the former.

c) Measures undertaken by Land Sachsen to carry out the building program include: 1) the recruitment of new settlers; 2) the formation of a program for a "solidarity movement", involving the participation of parties, organizations, Land and Kreis Commissions (including Farmers' Mutual Aid Society representatives), to advertise the construction program and to gain mass support and voluntary assistance for its execution.

2) One-page enclosure to above letter, which lists in detail the number and types of structures, and their status of completion (in terms of construction stage and percent), which were carried over from the 1949 and 1950 building programs. A total of 831 structures were carried over from 1949 and 508 from 1950 construction plans.

3) One-page enclosure to above letter which lists the number and types of structures (houses, stables, basic structures, and single-roof structures) to be built in each Kreis of Land Sachsen in 1951.

4) Enclosure to above letter, a one-page printed form entitled "Circular No. 10" and dated 18 April 1951, which was issued by the Sachsen Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry to the Land and Kreis Councils for Agriculture and Forestry, the Kreis Councils for Industry, Labor, and Building, all political parties and public organizations, and the Committees of the National Front of the GDR. The circular consists of detailed directives for the accomplishment of the 1951 land reform building program by means of a "solidarity movement" between 2 May and the end of October 1951.

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